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Newly-elected Minister, Maryann Kummer, flanked on the left by Sheri Hafeli, Vice Minister of the Divine Mercy Region and on the right by Rosemary Hannaford, Treasurer of the Divine Mercy Region who presided over our Chapter.

Most generous Father,
grant that
through the dedicated efforts
of our new leaders
who have been called
to serve our fraternity,
all of us may know you better,
and make you known to all.
May we live more vigorously
the gospel way of life
that you inspired
through Francis of Assisi.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

- from the SFO Ritual for Elections

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MINISTER'S LETTER

My brothers and sisters,

As I begin my new position as Minister of the St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscan Fraternity, I want to express my gratitude:

- to God for the blessing of my Secular Franciscan vocation;
- to all of you for providing me with this opportunity to be of greater service to our fraternity;
- to the members of the past leadership team (Janet, Br. Pat, Frank, Gene, Pat, John, Gary, Caroline, Clara and Ona) for all of the support and encouragement you have given to me during the past three years. It has been a joy and a privilege to work with you;
- to the members of the new leadership team (Br. Pat, Teresa, Pat, Joe, John, Bev, Chuck, Stephen, Pat and Tony), I thank you for saying yes to sharing your time and talents in service to our fraternity;
- to my family and friends for their prayers and support; and
- for all of the blessings I have received

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, which we will celebrate in a few weeks, I want to share with you one of my favorite Scripture passages:

**“Be joyful always,
pray continually,
give thanks in all circumstances,
for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus”** (1 Thess 5:16).

As Secular Franciscans, we strive to live our lives according Gospel values, therefore, let us during the next few weeks make this Scripture message come alive by taking the time to pause and reflect upon the people and blessings in our life that fill our hearts with great joy and whisper a prayer of thanks for them.

I wish you and your family a joyous and blessed Thanksgiving. I look forward to seeing you at our third Sunday Mass on Sunday, November 15.

With a grateful heart,
Maryann



From the Friars' Choir

**When we choose not to focus
on what is missing from our lives
but are grateful for the abundance that's present...
we experience heaven on earth.**

– Sarah Breathnack

Brothers and Sisters

Joe and I attended the Day of Reflection sponsored by **St. David Fraternity**. Capuchin **Fr. John Guimond** called us to pray with joy and to bring peace to the world as he zeroed in on the Letter to the Philippians in which Paul helped Timothy and others along their spiritual journeys. The afternoon speaker was Mrs. **Catherine Lanni**, the founder of the Divine Mercy Center, who astounded everyone with her witness to all that Jesus has done, and continues to do, in her life, and in the lives of those who seek help at the Divine Mercy Center. We were prayed over individually and blessed with a relic of St. Faustina. After Mass and the reception of the new SFO inquirers, we prayed the powerful Divine Mercy Chaplet.

An answer to prayer was received for **Charlotte and Jim Heymes'** daughter, Therese Blondell, who was extremely ill. When she went to the Divine Mercy Center for Mass one morning she was prayed over and the relic of Sr. Faustina was placed on her breast. She felt healing heat through that entire side of her body. When she received the results of her PET scan later she was told that they found no signs of breast cancer. Therese will have surgery on November 4th, and I am asking for your prayers that the surgery demonstrates that a miracle did indeed occur, that all is well, and Therese will not need any additional treatments.

As many of you know, **Fr. Jogues Constance** is suffering from a very aggressive, malignant brain tumor, the same type that recently claimed the life of Senator Ted Kennedy. Surgery was performed and 90% of the tumor was removed. The morning following surgery, Fr. Jogues was up and eating breakfast. Results of the pathology tests confirmed that he has Stage 4 cancer. Further surgery and radiation treatments have been ruled out at this time. Fr. Jogues is out of the hospital and in a nursing home while close watch is being kept on his progress. Please keep him in your prayers. He is not receiving visitors. Cards can be sent to him at his home: **Capuchin Retreat, P.O. 396, Washington, MI 48094.**

Another Capuchin friend of ours, **Fr. Ramiro (Ray) Trejo**, died on October 3. His last moments are a strong witness to God's goodness. Hospitalized, Fr. Ray was trying to get out of bed when three nurses came into his

room. When they told him that he had to stay in bed, he replied, "I want to walk with Jesus." The nurses put him back into bed and Fr. Ray immediately fell peacefully asleep in the Lord. Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him! Some Memorial Cards are available from myself for the asking.

As usual, the collaborative celebration of the night on which St. Francis died, i.e., the Transitus, with our Capuchin Brothers was very beautiful, thanks to **Janet Bodell, Br. Larry LaCross** and **Br. Pat McSherry**, and the many others who helped. The reception for **Fr. Carmel Flora** was also very nice. Some members may have been hesitant to go out in the evening, but there were two security guards on duty during the entire time we're there. Thanks to **Connie Musial** for not only baking scones, but for coordinating the project and for my husband, **Joe, Loretta Chmielarczyk, Mary Ann Montpetit** and **Rose Maroto** of St. Francis Fraternity for baking scones and giving them to all in attendance.

Our Chapter of Elections went very smoothly thanks to **Rosemary Hannaford**, Treasurer of the Divine Mercy Region who presided over the Chapter, and **Sheri Hafeli**, Vice Minister of the Divine Mercy Region, who acted as Secretary of the Chapter, aided by **Patricia Long** and **Debra McCann** as Tellers, and **Br. Pat McSherry** as friar witness. Following the elections, newly-elected minister **Maryann Kummer** expressed the appreciation of the Fraternity to those who served on the former Council and presented **Janet Bodell** with a plaque in commemoration of her service as minister. The plaque is engraved with the San Damiano Cross, Janet's name, and a fitting inscription.

During the Chapter there was a short reflection on the Tau. We were reminded that, harkening back to **Ezekiel 9:46**, the Tau is a symbol of salvation. It was used by St. Francis as his signature, and since 1978, has been considered the official outward sign [i.e., "habit"] and logo of the SFO.

We look forward to seeing all of you at the Mass at 1:30 PM on Sunday, November 15th, during which we will all renew our Profession in this wonderful way of life.

Love, Faye

Send news items about our members to **Faye Kluk Boland** at:
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Deceased Relatives:

Isabelle Fleming

Deceased Relatives:

Loretta LaChance, sister-in-law of Donna Marie Johnston
 Carol Jean McKinnon, niece of Donna M. Johnston
 Edward Raymond, husband of Diane († Oct. 7, 2009)
 Fr. Ramiro (Ray) Trejo, OFM Cap († Oct. 3, 2009)

Members needing prayers:

Wilhelmina Adkins	Denise Joseph
Peter Aluzzo	Maryann Kummer
Jan Atkinson	Les and Josie Lafata
Kay Balas	Tony Lienert
Gertrude Beattie	Janice Litch
Evelyn Bishop	Rose Longo
Janet & John Bodell	Ilene Manning
Anthony Brodeur	Joseph Marra
Rocco Cesaro	Sophie Martin
Loretta Chmielarczyk	Maria McNally
Julia Erzbischoff-Donahue	Genevieve Ochenkowski
Laurie Drobnicki	Rosie Patin
Clara Falzone	Dolores & Bob Peckham
Wesley Faust	Theresa Pfaendtner
Marie Fontanive	Joseph Pierce
Mary Gillen	Valerie Ridley
Natalie Grabowski	Mary Saber
James Heymes	Alice Vier
Caroline Hojna	Helen Wardowski
Anna May Jesak	Joseph Wisk
Donna Marie Johnston	Stephen Yuhase

Relatives needing prayers:

Susan Arcznski, cousin of the Atkinsons
 Mary Ann Avery, niece of Lorraine Korte

Avian, great nephew of the Atkinsons
 Angel Bettin and Donna Mitchell,
 daughters of Caroline Hojna
 Melanie Bruss, niece of Dan and Jan Atkinson
 Angelina and Joey Daleo,
 daughter-in-law & son of Josie and Les Lafata
 Starr Dehn, niece of Mary Poole
 Rose Dreissen, wife of Joseph
 Duane Duchene, father of Clare Falzone
 Barbara Erzbischoff, mother of Julia E-Donahue
 John Erzbischoff, cousin of Julia E-Donahue
 Beverly Falzone, mother of Clara
 Louis Falzone, uncle of Clara
 Mike Falzone, father of Clara
 Stefan Florescu, husband of Caroline
 Bob Fontanive, husband of Marie
 Leo Frangos, nephew of Donna Marie Johnston
 Doreen Gerwollis, daughter of Sophie Martin
 Billy Gerwollis, son-in-law of Sophie Martin
 Judy Hojna, Caroline's sister-in-law
 Ted Hojna, husband of Caroline
 Esther Mae Kelly, wife of Charles
 Fred LaChance, brother of Donna Marie Johnston
 Melanie McAleer, sister of Alice Vier
 Charlie McCaay & Family of Ilene Manning
 Marilyn Nichols, daughter of Anthony Brodeur
 Jean Nozewski, wife of Thomas
 Teresa Poole, mother of Mary
 Max Pulgar Vidal Biber, dying cousin of Br. Pat
 Bob Stevenson, son-in-law of John and Janet Bodell
 Dan Tyrna, grandson of Mary Hebert
 Chester Wisk, brother of Joe
 Fr. Jogues Constance, OFM Cap

Those serving in the Armed Forces:

Andrew Arcznski
 Christopher Beattie
 James Anthony Brannigan
 Thomas Chmielarczyk
 Thomas Greenia
 Edward Kluk
 John Marra III
 Joseph Marra, Jr.

Pray for ALL

who have entrusted themselves to our prayer.

Help keep our list up-to-date,
 to remove or add names, call:

Jo Marie Nardi at 586-978-2335



Celebrating Bev & Chuck Sopian



Chuck was born in Detroit on December 20, 1943. Bev was born in Detroit on July 22, 1944. They both attended Melvindale Public Schools and graduated from Melvindale High School. After graduating from high school, Chuck and Bev went their separate ways. Chuck completed a tool and die apprenticeship. While Bev attended and graduated from Madonna University with a Bachelor's degree in elementary education and earned a Master's degree in education from Wayne State University.

Seven years later, Chuck and Bev reconnected at St. Conrad's Church in Melvindale during Sunday Mass and began dating. Two years later they were married at St. Conrad's on May 21, 1971. Chuck and Bev have been blessed with three children: Mark, Becky and Michael; and three precious grandchildren: Charles, Charlotte and Ronald.

Chuck worked at Ford Motor Company for 34 years. Bev taught in the Catholic schools for 3 years and in the Melvindale Public Schools for 26 years. Both of them are now retired.

Bev learned about the Secular Franciscans from Mary Chehan, who belonged to Bev's parish. Bev was impressed with the way in which Mary lived her faith and became interested in the SFO because of Mary's example. Bev was professed as a Secular Franciscan at the St. Bonaventure's in November 1997. Chuck drove Bev to the SFO meetings and was able to experience life in the fraternity. Chuck was professed at St. Bonaventure's in November 2007.

Chuck and Bev were co-chairs of this past year's *Remembering Fr. Solanus Casey – A Simple Man – Concert* and work on the formation team. Bev also served as a member in the Young Adult Task Force. Both have now been elected to serve on the Fraternity's leadership team (Council).

They belong to Our Lady of the Woods Parish in Woodhaven. Chuck serves as an Eucharistic Minister, an altar server at funeral liturgies, is on the pastoral team of the parish prayer group, and helps with the children's liturgy. Bev serves on the pastoral team, teaches in the parish prayer group, and teaches the children's liturgy of the Word. In their free time they both enjoy working out at the health club and walking. Chuck enjoys playing the piano and Bev enjoys gardening and reading.

We love you, Bev and Chuck!



MARK YOUR 2009 CALENDARS

- November 1 Council Meeting (2:30 pm – Solans Casey Center, 2nd Fl. Conference Room)
- November 13 Christian Service at the Meldrum Kitchen (10:30 AM-1:00 PM)
- November 15 SFO Renewal Mass (Formation at Noon; everyone at 1:30 pm)
- December 11 Christian Service at the Meldrum Kitchen (10:30 AM-1:00 PM)
- December 16 Council Meeting (6:30 pm)
- December 20 3rd Sunday Meeting - Christmas Concert (Formation at Noon; everyone at 1:30 pm)



Nov. 4	Ann Wilson	Nov. 19	Michael Goga
	James Heymes	Nov. 22	Caroline Florescu
Nov. 5	Dolores Peckham	Nov. 23	Norbert Chmielarczyk
Nov. 7	Rose Longo	Nov. 24	Stella Mordarski
Nov. 8	Robert Peckham	Nov. 25	Julia Ertzbischoff-Donahue
	Connie Musial		Wesley Faust
Nov. 9	Evelyn Olden	Nov. 26	Clara Babala
Nov. 12	Caroline Hojna		Gertrude Beattie
Nov. 15	Mary Klein	Nov. 27	Louis Pepler
	Shirley Ivan		

Franciscan Saints of November

- Nov. 3 Bl. Marguerite of Lorraine (1463-1521) widow, Poor Clare
- Nov. 4 **St. Charles Borromeo** (1538-1584) Secular Franciscan, Cardinal, Archbishop, reformer
- Nov. 6 Bl. Vincent Cabanes and Companion Martyrs († 1936), Third Order religious, martyrs
- Nov. 7 Bl. Maria Assunta Pallotta (1878-1905) virgin, Franciscan Missionary of Mary
Bl. Helen Enselmini (1208-1242) virgin, Poor Clare
St. Diego (Didacus) of Alcalá, friar
- Nov. 8 Bl. John Duns Scotus (c1265-1308), friar, priest, philosopher, theologian, “The Subtle Doctor”
Bl. Mary of the Crucifix Satellico (1706-1745) virgin, Poor Clare
- Nov. 9 **Bl. Jane of Signa** (1244-1307) Virgin, Secular Franciscan, recluse
Bl. Maria del Carmen of the Child Jesus (1834-1899) widow, founder of the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Hearts
- Nov. 13 **St. Frances Xavier Cabrini** (1850-1917) Secular Franciscan, founder of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart
- Nov. 14 St. Nicholas Tavelić and Companions († 1391), “The Franciscan Martyrs of the Holy Land”
- Nov. 15 Bl. Mary de Chappotin de Neuville (1839-1904) virgin, Third Order Religious, founder of the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Mary
- Nov. 17 **St. Elizabeth of Hungary** (1207-1231) wife, mother, Secular Franciscan, Patron of the Secular Franciscan Order and Third Order Regular (TOR)
- Nov. 18 Bl. Salome of Krakow (1211-1268) virgin, Poor Clare
- Nov. 19 St. Agnes of Assisi (1197-1253) virgin, Poor Clare
- Nov. 20 Bl. Paschal Fortuño Almela and Companions († 1936) “The Franciscan Martyrs of Valencia”
Bb. Salvator Lilli and Companions († 1895) “The Martyrs of Armenia”
- Nov. 25 St. Humilis Pirozzo of Bisignano (1582-1637) friar
- Nov. 26 St. Leonard of Port Maurice (1676-1751) friar, priest
- Nov. 27 St. Francis Anthony Fasani (1681-1742) Conventual, priest
- Nov. 28 St. James of the Marches (1394-1476) friar, priest
- Nov. 29 **All Franciscan Saints**

Please Note: The Council has decided that in the future it will hold its monthly Council Meeting on the first Sunday of each month at 2:30 PM in the 2nd Floor Conference Room of the Solanus Casey Center.



Sean Witsoe
4 years old
Medulloblastoma

When Craig and Katie became St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Partners In Hope® years ago, they never expected that one day they would need the hospital's services. But in the summer of 2008, their little son Sean was found to suffer from a brain tumor, and they knew St. Jude was the best place for his treatment. Sean had a CT scan, and Katie and Craig's worst fears were confirmed: Sean had a brain tumor known as medulloblastoma. At St. Jude, Sean underwent chemotherapy and received 30 rounds of radiation. He also underwent a second brain surgery at St. Jude to remove more of the tumor. "Sean still has a long way to go with treatment, but we are so very grateful for each day, each step in his amazing young life," said Katie. Sean is funny and likes to dance, and he loves spending time with Matthew and their three older siblings.

VISITING FROM DOWN UNDER



After the celebration of the Transitus, everyone met in the Casey Center Dining Room to welcome one of our former Third Order Directors, **Fr. Carmel Flora**, who was visiting the States. Fr. Carmel has been stationed in Australia for the past 40 years. It's always good to see him!



*Janet Bodell
in gratitude for dedicated service
as Minister of the St. Bonaventure
Secular Franciscan Fraternity
2003-2009*



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Photos by Hugh Montpetit and Gina Rizzo



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 ALL SAINTS SFO COUNCIL: 2:30 PM	2 ALL SOULS	3 WEEK 31 ORD. TIME Pss: Wk 3	4	5	6	7
8 WEEK 32 ORD. TIME Pss: Wk 4	9	10 St. Joan of Arc: 1 PM	11	12	13 CHRISTIAN SERVICE MELDRUM KITCHEN 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM	14
15 WEEK 33 ORD. TIME Pss: Wk 1 FRATERNITY GATHERING Candidates - 12 MASS: 1:30 PM	16	17	18	19 EMB Board: 10 AM	20	21
22 CHRIST THE KING Proper	23 WEEK 34 ORD. TIME Pss: Wk 2	24	25	26 Thanksgiving	27 Bl. Luchesio: 7:30 PM Interfaith: 7 PM - 9 PM	28
29 ADVENT I Pss: Wk 1	30					

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APPOINTMENTS

Infirmarians:

Jo Marie Nardi

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Continuing Formation:

To be announced

Christian Service:

To be announced

Ecology:

To be announced

Work:

To be announced

Family:

To be announced

Peace and Justice:

To be announced

Eucharistic Mission Band (EMB):

To be announced

MEETING CONTACTS

(for Locations and Times of Meetings)

Fr. Solanus Cell (2nd Friday, 7:30 pm):

Faye Boland

St. Joan of Arc Satellite (2nd Tuesday, 1 pm):

Frank Liccardello

Third Sunday General SFO Meeting:

Maryann Kummer

Bl. Luchesio Cell (4th Friday, 7:30 pm):

Connie Musial

FRATERNITY MINISTRY OUTREACH:

Meldrum Soup Kitchen

See Fraternity Calendar (page 5)

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